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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON UNIFIL

1. I EXPECT TO HAVE AUDIENCE WITH KING IN NEXT DAY OR
SO AND AS SUBJECT OF NEPAL'S CONTRIBUTION OF TROOPS TO
UNIFIL WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ARISE, REQUEST ASAP GUIDANCE
ON LINE I SHOULD TAKE WITH KING AND GENERAL BACKGROUND
ON THIS OPERATION. ASSUME I SHOULD CONVEY TO KING OUR
APPRECIATION FOR NEPAL'S PROMPT AND UNCONDITIONAL RESPONSE.
ARE THERE ANY OTHER POINTS WE SHOULD BE CONVEYING TO KING?

2. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO HAVE SUCH DATA AS:

- A) WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES ARE PARTICIPATING?;
- B) HOW LONG WOULD NEPALESE CONTINGENT BE EXPECTED
REMAIN IN LEBANON?;
- C) WHAT IS DESTINATION OF TROOPS WE ARE AIRLIFTING?;
- D) WHAT WILL MISSION OF TROOPS BE?.

3. WE UNDERSTAND UNITS GON WILL BE CONTRIBUTING TO
THIS OPERATION ARE BEING PULLED IN FROM OUTLYING
AREAS OF NEPAL AND THIS COULD TAKE UP TO SEVERAL WEEKS.
ACCORDING TO ONE ITEM IN WIRELESS FILE TODAY, BEIRUT PRESS
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PREDICTING IT COULD BE MONTH BEFORE PEACEKEEPING
FORCE COULD ENTER LEBANON. HOW URGENT IS NEED FOR
NEPALESE CONTINGENT? SHOULD I PRESS KING ON EXPEDITING
DISPATCH OF TROPPTS? CAN I ASSURE HIM THEY WILL BE
PUT TO WORK AS SOON AS THEY REACH THEIR DESTINATION?

4. IS PROPOSED AIRLIFT TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER UN OR

US AEGIS. IF FORMER, ASSUME WE STAY IN
BACKGROUND WITH REGARD TO LOCAL PUBLICITY, ETC.

5. FYI. MOST INFORMATION WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING SO FAR
ON THIS EXERCISE IS FROM VOA OR IN WIRELESS FILE, WHICH IS
FREQUENTLY GARBLED.
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